

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
U.S.S.N. 10/522,595**

Remarks

The present invention is directed to chemical compositions. Claims 1-46 have been previously cancelled. Claims 47, 48 and 53 have been amended. By entry of this amendment, claims 47-57 are pending.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, 1st paragraph

Claims 47-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection as it applies to the amended claims.

The Examiner rejects these claims because of the term "prodrug" used therein. The claims have been amended to delete this term. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 47, 49, 51 and 56 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for lacking novelty over WO2003/013518 by Barrett et al. ("Barrett"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection as it applies to the amended claims.

Claim 47 has been amended to delete the option of alkyl groups being substituted. In view of this amendment, the compounds of formula (I) are novel over Barrett, et al. since the compound in Figure 14b of this reference has a hydroxyl substituted N-alkyl group on the pyrazole ring. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

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Claim 53 is objected to for an obvious error at the definition of $-N(R_5)$ as "3-methylbutyl". Claim 53 has been amended to correctly recite the term as " $-N(3\text{-methylbutyl})$ ". Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

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Conclusions

Applicants submit that the response herein provides a complete response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2008.

If the Examiner believes there are other issues that may be resolved by telephone interview, or that there are any informalities remaining in the application that may be corrected by Examiner's Amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned is respectfully solicited.

No additional fees are believed due, however the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account number 11-0980.

Respectfully submitted,



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